



RABBIT CREEK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Comments from the Chair:

Hi All,

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday.

The Rabbit Creek Community Council is looking forward to the New Year. There are many issues surrounding development in the Rabbit Creek area and we are committed to working with residents and the City to develop a healthy community and to maintain the quality of life so many of us moved up here to enjoy. The board members and I welcome your attendance at the meeting and encourage you to bring a neighbor.

On Dec 18th the 2011 RCCC board met to elect officers. With some encouragement and by unanimous vote new officers were elected (see column at right).

I would like to take a minute to introduce myself, your new Rabbit Creek Community Council chair. I have lived in Alaska for 22 years and have enjoyed living on the lower part of Austria Drive for the last 12 years. I became involved with the RCCC several years ago after the council helped several of us landowners in the Austria Drive area fight off a big AWWU water tank. Within the City government, RCCC has a great reputation and I will do everything I can to help maintain it.

I would like to thank Mike Kenny for all the hard work he put into the Council over the last 2 years and for helping me with the transition.

Happy New Year
Pat Hansen

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday January 13, 2011
Goldenview Middle School

*Rabbit Creek
Community Council
P.O. Box 112354
Anchorage, Alaska 99511*

RCCC 2011 Board Members:

<i>Pat Abney</i>	<i>Director</i>
<i>Steve Clapp</i>	<i>Director</i>
<i>Joan Diamond</i>	<i>Vice-Chair</i>
<i>Keith Guyer</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
<i>Pat Hansen</i>	<i>Chair</i>
<i>John Isby</i>	<i>Co-Secretary</i>
<i>Wray Kinard</i>	<i>Director</i>
<i>Kyle Murphy</i>	<i>Director</i>
<i>Patty Rothwell</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
	<i>Membership</i>
<i>David Sterling</i>	<i>Director</i>
<i>Dick Tremaine</i>	<i>Director</i>
	<i>FCC Rep.</i>

Emergency Watch Neighborhood Leader Orientation

After a disaster, your most immediate source of help is the people living around you. Communities who have prepared for disasters are more likely to know what needs to be done and how to do it, which helps save lives and reduce damage. Emergency Watch helps communities be self-reliant during the first 5-7 days after a disaster.

Neighborhood Leader Orientation sessions are being offered by the Municipality of Anchorage, Office of Emergency Management, on:



Thursday January 20 6-8:30 pm
or
Saturday January 22 9 – 11:30 am

Registration is required. Go to www.muni.org/oem
click on "Register for an Event"

For more information call or email the office of Emergency Management 343-1407 brantleyd@muni.org

HALO

Home And Landowners Organization, for the Anchorage Hillside Regular HALO meetings take place the first Thursday of every month at the Holy Spirit Retreat Center, corner of Hillside & O'Malley, starting at 7:00 PM. HALO Link: <http://www.anchoragehalo.org/index.html>

Membership

Please don't forget to renew your membership.

2011 Membership Form

Return to: Rabbit Creek Community Council, PO Box 112354, Anchorage, AK 99511

Dues (circle one): \$3/person or \$5 / couple (family)

Name(s): _____

Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Location of property or rental within RC area: _____

E-mail: _____

To receive the newsletter, circle the preferred format: **e-mail, U.S. Postal, none**

Note: E-mail reduces paper use and saves your community council money

E-mail Only: Check if you wish to receive other notices from the Municipality of Anchorage

Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting Agenda
Thursday January 13, 2011
Goldenview Middle School

Call to order and Introductions

Approval of previous minutes

Treasurer's report

Announcements & Comments from the floor

Legislative Reports

- State Legislators
- Assembly members

Persons to be heard not on the agenda (3 minutes each, 10 minutes max)

Guest Speakers

- Ken Lang, Land surveyor, Lang & Associates Inc.
Topic: Replatting of two lots into one, St Tikhon of Moscow Russian Orthodox Church.
- Van Le, MOA Transportation and Planning Department
Topic: the Official Streets and Highway Plan
- Brian Baus, Planning and Development Services Manager, AWWU
Topic: AWWU's plans to purchase a portion in the northeast corner of Legacy Point
Tract "B" for a water storage tank.

Old Business

- HDP water well monitoring - Update
- Mountain Air/Rabbit Creek Rd. design - Update
- South Anchorage Sports Park - Update
- South Goldenview collector road, east & west options - Update

New Business

- AWWU
- Russian Church Plat

Reports

- Heritage Land Bank - Historical Perspective - Diane Holmes
- Neighborhood Association reports
- Federation of Community Council (FCC) report
- HALO report
- Limited Road Service Area (LRSA) reports

Announcements

- Neighborhood Leader Orientation sessions
- Increasing Membership
- Membership Dues

Rabbit Creek Community Council Board Meeting, December 9, 2010 Goldenview Middle School

Mike Kenny opened the meeting at 7:10 pm. Other board members present were: Joan Diamond, David Sterling, Patty Rothwell, Dick Tremaine, Pat Abney, John Isby, and Keith Guyer. Absent: Kyle Murphy. About 19 people in total were present.

Minutes: Motion by Abney and Rothwell to approve the November minutes as corrected. Passed unanimously (correction was to change Bear Valley Fire Station to Rabbit Creek Fire Station).

Treasurer's Report: Rothwell reported no change from last month. \$292.75 in checking (?) and _____. Members= 111.

Announcements:

AWWU cancelled their presentation for our December meeting but will be on here in January to discuss the potential purchase of 2 acres (out of the 13 acres on south Goldenview Dr.) for a water tank.

The MOA budget passed last week and our Rabbit Cr Fire Station will not be cut but the Dimond/Samson library was cut.

Legislative Reports: none

Old Business:

The *Hillside District Plan, Implementation Committee* (HDP IC) has been formed by HALO, Inc in an effort to implement a portion of the HDP as the administration does not appear willing or able to do so. While a vote of the residents for a road/drainage/trail service area is not likely to occur soon, HALO is working on a Water Well Protection Program that might function with existing well data.

Mt Air Collector update: the re-hearing at P/Z will not occur this month. The consultants have designed a round-about for the intersection and state funds are needed to complete it and the rest of the road.

Russian Church re-plat: Motion by Abney and Tremaine to write letter to Planning Dept regarding protecting the vegetative buffer along the Old Seward Hwy. Passed. Holmes to write letter for RCCC's signature. It was suggested that RCCC officers should meet with the surveyor before the site plan is designed. The septic for the new buildings was raised as an issue.

Elmore/Rabbit Cr roads: Kenny raised the issue of the safety of this connection to DeArmoun Rd that is on the LRTP. The concern is how to get it off the projects list and look for another safer N/S connection. Kenny thought by asking for a cost estimate it would result in such an unrealistic figure that the project would be dropped. Burleigh said a figure of \$47 million was already on the STIP.

Legacy Collector and Romania Rd are two other projects that are often confused in the CIP language. While such roads would provide access to Potter Valley and South Goldenview traffic, the impacts they would cause at the New and Old Seward Hwys is not addressed. Pease commented that the HDP Policy 9E states that public funds should not be used for new roads until needed improvements are fixed elsewhere first. The council was urged to clearly state which road they are referring to on the CIP lists and to ensure needed N/O Seward Hwy improvements are included.

There was discussion on setting road project priorities (especially for those listed above as well as Goldenview Dr and its intersection with RC Rd) for the annual CIP lists and for other instances. Motion by Tremaine and Abney to establish a committee to work on a prioritized road list and present it to the RCCC for approval (to include Diamond, Burleigh, Hurlburt and ____). Passed.

South Anchorage Sports Park: Kenny urged residents to write the mayor and our Assembly members on their views of the mayor's recently proposed plan to ask the state legislature for \$4 million for water and sewer utilities for the park that many think will only go to serve private high density development nearby. Kenny noted the recently passed city budget which cut a library and some transit and other services. Motion by Abney and Tremaine for the RCCC to submit a letter to the mayor and our Assembly members expressing concern over the proposed park development that would supersede other prioritized and needed projects. Passed. Tremaine to write letter.

Reports:

NUSA 2011 Conference Neighborhood Tour: The Federation of Community Councils needs to know if RCCC is willing to conduct a neighborhood bus tour (2 hrs?) during the May, 2011 NUSA conference of our neighborhoods, city, etc and ending with a potluck maybe at Storck Park. The pros and cons of our SE development should be emphasized and discussion with the conferees should be encouraged. It was agreed the RCCC would be willing to do it.

Potter Valley Land Use Analysis (PVLUA) & its relationship to the Heritage Land Bank (HLB)—a history lesson. Holmes presented some historical information on the PVLUA—an adopted plan from 1999—and how it influenced (or should influence) the HLB's conditions placed on parcels in SE Anchorage. It was pointed out that the 2020 Comp Plan states HLB's mission is to implement goals of 2020 and take guidance also from district plans (HDP). Examples were given of mistakes in past HLB 5-yr plans and how such mistakes could adversely impact residents. It was emphasized that each HLB 5-yr plan should be examined carefully and the proposed transfer of HLB lands to the Development Authority should be examined with suspicion.